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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO AFRICA
BRIEFING PAPER: AID TO TANZANIA

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1. DURING THE PAST DECADE, TANZANIA HAS ATTRACTED INCREASING AMOUNTS OF AID FROM A VARIETY OF FOREIGN DONORS. MAJOR DONORS INCLUDE CHINA (WHO FINANCED THE NEW RAILWAY TO ZAMBIA); THE WORLD BANK, SCANDANAVIAN COUNTRIES, CANADA AND THE U.S. IN 1976 AID TO TANZANIA AMOUNTED TO ABOUT \$300 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT OF GDP. IT DIRECTLY FINANCED 60 PER CENT OF THE COUNTRY'S CAPITAL BUDGET. SIMILAR LEVEL (OVER A THIRD OF IT GRANT) IS EXPECTED THIS YEAR.

2. TANZANIA RECEIVES SUCH AID FOR NUMBER OF REASONS INCLUDING:

-- NYERERE'S ATTRACTIVENESS AND WIDESPREAD RESPECT;
-- DESIRE BY WESTERN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS TO SUPPORT
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TANZANIA'S SOCIALIST EXPERIMENT;
-- TANZANIA'S SINCERE EMPHASIS ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ON IMPROVING SOCIAL WELFARE;
-- POLITICAL STABILITY AND LACK OF BLATENT HIGH LEVEL CORRUPTION.

3. IN GENERAL, DONORS' ATTITUDES ARE NOT AFFECTED BY

DISAPPOINTING RESULTS OF NUMBER OF PROJECTS, SLOW GROWTH
IN PRODUCTIVE SECTORS OF ECONOMY, RESTRAINTS ON
POLITICAL RIGHTS, NOR BY ESCALATING DEFENSE EXPENDITURES
OVER PAST FEW YEARS TO CURRENT 13 PER CENT OF BUDGET.

4. THE U.S. HAS PROVIDED OVER \$200 MILLION IN BILATERAL
AID TO TANZANIA SINCE ITS INDEPENDENCE. IN ADDITION WE
INDIRECTLY FINANCE LARGE PORTIONS OF THE SIGNIFICANT WORLD
BANK AND UN AID PROGRAMS. OUR PROGRAMS ARE CONCENTRATED IN
AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND HEALTH. US BILATERAL
AID IN FY 75 TOTALLED \$38 MILLION (OF WHICH \$21.7 MILLION
WAS FOOD AID) AND IN FY 76 OVER \$33 MILLION (\$22.4 MILLION
IN FOOD). BESIDES ABOUT \$7 MILLION IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR
FY 77 WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING TANZANIA'S REQUEST FOR
70,000 TONS OF FOOD AID.
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5. WE ARE SATISFIED THAT OUR CURRENT AID PROGRAM
RESPONDS APPROPRIATELY TO TANZANIA'S NEEDS
AND ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY AS WELL AS TO US INTERESTS
HERE. THE LEVEL OF US ASSISTANCE TO TANZANIA BEARS LITTLE OR
NO RELATIONSHIP TO ACHIEVEMENT OF IMMEDIATE US POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES IN THE CONTINENT, THE UN OR ELSEWHERE.
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